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ORGANIZATION OF SOVIET STATE MINING INSPECTION

The Main Administration of State Mining Inspection under the Council of Ministers USSR was formed on 17 October 1947 by decree of the Council of Ministers USSR. The purpose of the State Mining Inspection was to be the conservation of mineral resources, control over proper exploitation of mineral deposits, and guarding against wastefulness and losses in mining. The new administration was authorized to supervise accounting of mining operations and the distribution of reserves of mineral resources; to issue permits for working mineral deposits; to confirm zones for the construction of buildings and installations on the areas of mineral deposits, and to issue permits for this purpose; to supervise the proper performance of geological prospecting operations and mine surveying; and to supervise mineral raw-material bases of existing mining enterprises, as well as mining enterprises under construction and planned for construction.

The Main Administration of State Mining Inspection has the right to impose fines on or remove from office persons who are responsible for improper conduct of mining or prospecting operations, and to hold criminally responsible, through investigative organs, persons guilty of malicious violations of work rules, thereby causing material losses to the government.

The individual ministries conducting mining operations retain the control of safety techniques in mining.

The following officers of the Main Administration of State Mining Inspection were appointed on 17 October 1947: K. K. Kartashev, chief; F. S. Popov and A. A. Sergeyev, deputy chiefs.

The chief of the State Mining Inspection must submit regular reports to the Chairman or First Deputy Chairman of the Council of Ministers USSR concerning violations of work rules in mining and geological prospecting operations of enterprises, departments, or ministries.

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The chief of the State Mining Inspection must work in close contact with the Ministry of Geology. He is allowed to receive from the Ministry of Geology materials on geological prospecting which are necessary in carrying out the work of the State Mining Inspection.

The function of the State Mining Inspection includes the formation of mining okrugs and corresponding mining rayons.

The personnel of the State Mining Inspection include highly skilled mining experts, technical mining inspectors, and geological prospecting specialists, recruited from personnel lists submitted by various ministries. At the time the State Mining Inspection was formed, these ministries included the Ministry of Coal Industry of the Eastern Regions, Ministry of Coal Industry of the Western Regions, Ministry of Ferrous Metallurgy, Ministry of Nonferrous Metallurgy, Ministry of Petroleum Industry of the Eastern Regions, Ministry of Petroleum Industry of the Southern and Western Regions, Ministry of Chemical Industry, Ministry of Construction Materials Industry USSR, and Ministry of Geology.

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